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SUBJECT: ENERGY: FURTHER NORWEGIAN MEASURES TO CONSERVE FUEL

1. ON DECEMBER 5, MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND SHIPPING JENS EVENSEN ANNOUNCED IN THE STORTING FURTHER MEASURES OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PHASE 2 PLAN TO REDUCE OIL CONSUMPTION. THE TARGET OF A 20-25 PERCENT CUT-BACK REMAINS UNCHANGED. THESE MEASURES INCLUDE A WEEKEND BAN ON DRIVING FOR DECEMBER 8-10 AND 15-17, FROM 3 P.M. TO 2 A.M. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES ARE EXEMPT AND DRIVING WILL BE PERMITTED CHRISTMAS WEEKEND. EVENSEN STATED THAT OIL COMPANIES HAVE CUT BACK FUEL DELIVERIES TO INDUSTRY BY 10 PERCENT AND THAT A 25 PERCENT REDUCTION IS BEING STUDIED. FORMAL GASOLINE RATIONING WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN PARALLEL WITH RATIONING IN SWEDEN, PROBABLY ON JANUARY 6 OR 7.

2. THE 25 PERCENT REDUCTION IN HEATING FUEL DELIVERIES BY OIL COMPANIES, ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 27, IS WORKING WELL AND REMAINS UNCHANGED.

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3. EVENSEN FLAGGED THE PROBLEM OF SHIP BUNKERING, BUT

SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED THROUGH BILATERAL AND
MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

4. ALL INDUSTRY POSSIBLE IS BEING SWITCHED TO ELECTRIC
POWER AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO REDUCTIONS IN ELECTRICITY SUPPLIED
TO HOUSEHOLDS. THE QUESTION OF SETTING PRIORITIES FOR A 25 PERCENT
OIL REDUCTION TO INDUSTRY, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO CAUSE DISRUPTIONS
AND UNEMPLOYMENT, IS PROVING DIFFICULT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
REDUCTION IS BEING DELAYED AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. BYRNE

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